

## WEINSEIMER HITTING BACK.

### EVIDENCE AGAINST EMPLOYERS GIVEN TO HIS PROSECUTOR.

Formal Demand Made for the Indictment of Members of a Trade Association for Conspiracy—Won't Set "Diamond Phil" Free, but May Let Prosecutions—Alliance Back of the Move.

The prosecution of "Diamond Phil" Weinseimer, president of the Building Trades Alliance, on the charge of extortion, is not to pass without a determined effort being made by his counsel (who also represent the Building Trades Alliance) to show that certain employers should also be criminally prosecuted. A mass of evidence to this end was submitted yesterday to the District Attorney, and he was asked to consider whether or not it could be used by him as a basis for the criminal prosecution of certain employers.

The evidence was read over by Assistant District Attorney Rand, who prosecuted Sam Parks and sent him to the jail in which he died. Mr. Rand will have active charge of the prosecution of Weinseimer. After reading the evidence submitted by Weinseimer's counsel, Mr. Rand said he wanted more and was told that more would be produced.

The bundle of evidence was taken to the District Attorney's office by Frank Adam Acer, manager of the People's Security Company, and J. C. Toole of the same company, who represent Weinseimer. They were accompanied by J. J. Ryan, a lawyer who comes from western New York, where he has been in Democratic politics, and who is now connected with the People's Security Company.

It was thought in some quarters that the object of the move was to scare off the prosecutors of Weinseimer. But this was denied, and J. J. Daly, chairman of the press committee of the Building Trades Alliance, practically admitted that the alliance was assisting in presenting the evidence.

If the evidence was taken to the District Attorney for the purpose of having some effect on the prosecution of Weinseimer, it failed signally. Just now there is a feeling in the District Attorney's office that the case against "Diamond Phil" is as strong, if not stronger, than was the case against Sam Parks when it was first taken up.

Acer, Toole and Ryan went to the District Attorney's office with the evidence yesterday afternoon by appointment. Early in the morning one of them had called up Mr. Rand and told him that they had some important matters which they wanted to lay before him. Mr. Rand told them to come along. In his long dealing with labor graft charges, Mr. Rand has accumulated much valuable information and experience.

The trio came, Mr. Acer carrying a big bundle under his arm. The bundle contained the evidence. If the size of the roll indicated anything there was lots of it. The conference lasted an hour and a half. During that time Mr. Rand read over the documents presented to him and asked questions. Requests to him to do certain things were made which he turned down and other things were suggested which he said he would take under advisement.

After the conference Mr. Toole was asked if he and his companions hadn't left with Mr. Rand evidence tending to show that the employers had been guilty of blacklisting and using unfair methods against union men. He said that was about right.

"Haven't certain contractors been accused of conspiring against other contractors?" he was asked.

"Yes," he said. "Many of the contractors or employers are not contractors at all. They are simply agents for a combination."

Mr. Acer, while not being very explicit, went more into detail about the conference than did his partner. He said and said: "The contrary provisions of the Penal Code have heretofore been used in labor matters exclusively as weapons in the hands of the employers as against organized labor. Now things have come to our attention which indicate that a fair demonstration of the criminal law makes necessary the prosecution of certain parties who have been prominent in the employers' case of this labor contract."

"Evidence along these lines was submitted to the District Attorney to-day, and we are satisfied that prompt and effective action will be taken by his office to enforce the law against illegal combinations which restrain trade and prevent laboring men from pursuing their calling within the city."

"We do not at this time consider it advisable to go into the particulars of these matters, as they will soon become matters of public record."

From what Mr. Rand had to say it is evident that Mr. Acer and his associates hope to formulate a conspiracy charge against one or more employers. Mr. Rand said that Mr. Acer and his companions consulted him as attorneys for a long time. He was asked if there had been any talk about unions being used as a club by employers' organization to bring other employers outside of the fold into the organization.

"Yes," said Mr. Rand, "that was discussed."

"Understand, now," he continued. "I am not speaking of the Building Trades Employers' Association. Each trade, I think, has its masters' association. The masters' association in certain trades has used the union in those trades to force the hand of an employer who would not join the association. I think that was shown in THE SUN on Sunday in the decision by Magistrate Ommen in the proceedings against the Journeymen Stonecutters' Association and the Employing Stonecutters' Association. There it was shown that there was an agreement between the employers and the journeymen fixing a minimum price on contracts, 10 per cent. of which went into the treasury of the employers' association and 10 per cent. into the union treasury. Of course, that parcelled out the contracts so that a man outside of the union didn't have a chance."

"Magistrate Ommen in the case of the stonecutters has held some men for conspiracy. Acer and his people say that this custom obtains in every one of the unions in the building trades. In conference with me he named one union in particular. I do not intend, at this time, to tell the name of that union, as they showed me papers and documents which they believe will prove that charge. I didn't believe that there was enough evidence and told them that I wanted to see more. Now, until there is a final decision in the stonecutters' case, I feel that there is little reason for going ahead with a similar case, especially on similar lines."

After the three lawyers had their talk

with Mr. Rand they went to the office of the People's Security Company. There they had another long conference with Weinseimer and John J. Daly of the Building Trades Alliance. There was a story that Weinseimer's counsel had brought an offer to Mr. Rand that "Diamond Phil" would make a confession and turn State's evidence, divulging the secrets of his organization and some things about the employers. This was denied by Mr. Rand and also by Weinseimer's counsel.

After Weinseimer, his counsel and Daly had had a long talk Daly was asked if any prominent employers had been named in the evidence submitted to Mr. Rand. He said:

"Well, there's one thing certain, we are not fishing for killers."

Weinseimer will be arraigned before Judge Newburger to-day and may plead guilty to the indictment charging him with extorting \$2,700 from George J. Essig, a boss plumber at 29 Hancock place, for calling off a strike on the new Chatsworth apartment house at Seventy-second street and Riverside Drive. Weinseimer's counsel will make a motion to inspect the minutes of the Grand Jury, and he will plead not guilty. It was hinted among the Criminal Court judges that eminent counsel will be employed to defend Weinseimer, but this was denied by Mr. Toole, who said:

"All we ask for is a speedy trial. We do not contemplate calling in other counsel, but we will do everything to protect our client under the law."

In an indefinite way counsel for Weinseimer have said all along that there was trouble ahead for the employers. "This is only the skirmish line," Mr. Acer said yesterday. "Do you know that the last statement that Sam Parks made on his deathbed was that the first piece of dirty money he ever received came from a man who is now a leader in the building trades against organized labor?"

## TORNADO WIPES OUT A TOWN.

### Three Killed and Fifty Persons Injured in Willow Lakes, S. D.

BRANT, S. D., Aug. 22.—The town of Willow Lakes is nearly in ruins and over half of Brant is destroyed as the result of a tornado on Saturday night. After being carried through the air for fifty feet was deposited on the outer side of the tracks. Scores of houses were picked up by the wind and hurled to the ground. Barns and out-houses were smashed to splinters, many houses unroofed, the hotel and creamery wrecked and the bank badly damaged. Scarcely a house was left standing on its original foundations, and few escaped without injury.

Willow Lakes, however, the storm had a bank, a weekly paper, a hotel, creamery, three churches and four grain elevators. The property loss may reach \$500,000.

## BLACK HAND NOTE FROM WOMAN

### Or a Fool, Says Jersey City Man, Who Is Asked for \$50,000.

Charles Kreiger, who keeps a dry goods store in Washington street, Jersey City, opposite the post office, received the following letter in the first mail yesterday morning:

"Kreiger, a man will be in your store to-night at 8 o'clock. Hand him \$50,000 and nor your word or if you do I will kill you and your wife."

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The letter was written in a feminine hand. The dry goods man hurried around to the First precinct station and told Acting Police Captain Wade of the letter. He was sure it had been written by a woman or a darn fool, he couldn't tell which.

"No Black Hand" who understood his business," he said, "would announce that he was coming around to my store at a certain hour for money. He would know that I would have a cop on hand to take care of him."

Kreiger said he wasn't worried, but he hoped Wade would send a man around to his store at 8 o'clock to greet any lunatic who was foolish enough to suppose he would hand out \$50,000. A police officer was on deck last night, but no agent of the Black Hand put in an appearance.

"Some people have a funny idea of a joke," said the dry goods man. "It's no joke to demand more money than a man has and threaten to murder him and his wife."

## LACKAWANNA'S FORCE CUT.

### One Man Taken Off All Trains Except Those in Passenger Service.

SCRANTON, Pa., Aug. 22.—There is talk of a strike among the trainmen and conductors of the Lackawanna Railroad because of the action of the company here to-day in laying off one trainman from each crew making through trips, except on passenger trains.

This throws the extra work on the conductor and the other trainmen, and they asserted to-day that they would refuse to do it. The company says the introduction of the air brake on coal and freight trains renders the services of the third trainman unnecessary.

## LAZED A SWORDFISH.

### The Crew of a Schooner Slipped the Rope Over Its Tail.

BOSTON, Aug. 22.—Capt. Benjamin Goodwin of the fishing schooner Thomas Knight says while he was coming across the Bay yesterday the crew sighted a swordfish apparently asleep on the surface of the water. The helmsman made for it, and as the Knight ran by Edward Peterson and John Firth slipped a noose over the tail of the fish.

The crew tried to haul it on board, but the fish struggled so hard that the tail slipped a little and it got back to the water. Two dories were lowered, and after nearly two hours of fighting the fish was hoisted on board. Nothing saved the dories and the schooner from attack by the fish but the fact that its tail was held tight by the noose and could not be used. The swordfish weighed 485 pounds.

## NO STRIKE ON THE ELEVATED.

### MISUNDERSTANDINGS HAVE ALL BEEN CLEARED AWAY.

Long Service on the Old Road Will Count in Getting Places on the New Subway, but Not Afterward—15 Minutes Talk With Secretary All, Says E. P. Bryan.

As a result of a conference yesterday afternoon between representatives of the elevated railway employees and E. P. Bryan, vice-president and general manager of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, an understanding was reached whereby all danger of a strike on the elevated, if such danger really ever existed, was to all intent and purpose averted. There is to be another conference this morning at 11 o'clock. Mr. Bryan said last night that he had no doubt that all matters at issue between the company and its employees will then be settled in fifteen minutes.

Those present at yesterday's conference were Mr. Bryan and Mr. Hedley, representing the Interborough company, and George E. Pepper and a committee representing the division of the maligned Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees of America. The meeting was held in Mr. Bryan's office at 105 Broadway.

"We had a discussion which was entirely amicable in every way," said Mr. Bryan last night. "It developed that the whole matter was the result of a misunderstanding as to the proposed application of the seniority principle in regard to promotions. As the result of our talk, it was made clear that the rule of seniority in the service would apply in taking men from the elevated to the underground line—that men of long service on the elevated, in other words, should have the preference over new applicants for places in the underground service. It was also made clear that men once in the underground service began anew again in the matter of seniority—that all that started even once more seniority in service on the elevated no longer counting in the matter of promotions in the underground service."

"The elevated seniority applies only to getting places in the underground service. Places in the underground once obtained, the value of the elevated seniority in the matter of promotion becomes extinct. There was some misunderstanding on this point and with it cleared away by the conference of to-day, there really remained substantially nothing at issue. After the morning we have at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning I think I am justified in saying that the whole matter will be amicably settled up in fifteen minutes."

Chairman Pepper of the men's committee said in the most positive manner that there would be no strike. The local members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, 740 in number, held an all day session yesterday in the Harlem Arcade, at 211 East 124th street, and by a unanimous vote sustained the action that has been taken so far by the members of the executive board chosen to represent both bodies. A vote of confidence in any future action of this board was also given.

The action of the executive board up to the present time has consisted of trying to arrange a conference with the officials of the Interborough company. The executive board will hold a meeting at 3 o'clock this afternoon in the Harlem Arcade, but it is certain that no drastic action will be taken.

## DROWNED OFF BOSTON LIGHT.

### Attempt to Pick Up a Lost Hat Costs the Lives of Three Persons.

BOSTON, Aug. 22.—Three persons were drowned by the capsizing of the catboat Vision off Boston light this afternoon. The victims were Carl Lindquist, aged 16; his stepdaughter, Mary Anderson, aged 18; and Rolf Jacobson, aged 16, all of Cambridge. Carl Umlandt, aged 35, and Harriet Anderson, aged 17, were rescued by a dory sent out by an inward bound fishing schooner.

Umlandt hired the Vision at Quincy this morning and sailed for City Point, where he took aboard the others, and they started for the afternoon's sail. When off Boston light Umlandt lost his hat overboard and would have let it go had not the women said that it was bad luck to lose it.

Umlandt came about and started after the hat. While sailing by everybody made a grab over the lee rail for it. Just at that moment, a strong puff capsize the craft and she went down. The tender broke loose, and the five people tried to get out, but in doing so capsize the boat.

Lindquist and Jacobson sank immediately. Umlandt got hold of the two girls and tried to hold them up. When he was going down for the third time he released his hold on Mary and she sank. A moment later the fishing dory came up and saved the remaining couple.

## LONG CHASE AFTER RUNOVER.

### Child Slightly Hurt, but Police Want Owner of Buggy Driven by Two Young Men.

Albert Biggie, 22 years old, of 402 East Seventy-ninth street, and William Latimer, of 526 East Eighty-fourth street, were arrested after a long chase last night at Ninety-seventh street and Second avenue, for running down three-year-old Henriette Klayner of 308 East 102d street. Detectives Steinkamp and Sommer of the East 104th street station had to pull their pistols before the young men would slow up and submit to arrest. The child was only slightly hurt.

The child was playing in front of her home with the children of Isaac Yaeger, who keeps a small store in the same building. She ran out in front of the light phonograph in which the young men were driving. Yaeger chased after the men, who whipped up the horse and started down Second avenue. Policeman Costin saw them coming at 100th street and blew his whistle, which attracted the notice of Detectives Sommer and Steinkamp, who were on the rear platform of a southbound Second avenue electric car.

They jumped off and when the buggy caught up with them drew their revolvers. The prisoners were taken to the East 104th street station. They said they had been at Sulzer's Harlem River Park, and left there in the buggy with another man who jumped out and escaped when they ran over the little girl. Latimer said they did not know what the man's name was.

The sergeant sent out a general alarm to find the owner of the horse and buggy. The delights of Montreal, Quebec, and the St. Lawrence will astonish you, New Central has seven routes. Ticket Agents will explain.

## LEFT IT TO MISS ROOSEVELT.

### Man Bets \$5,000 to \$1,000 That She Didn't Wear a Snake on Her Neck.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 22.—The report in the newspapers that Alice Roosevelt was wearing a garter snake around her neck and intended to introduce the custom into Washington society has caused a great deal of comment from newspapermen and individuals in Indiana. Among those who have taken interest in the story is Dr. S. W. Edmonds of Goshen. He is a great admirer of the President and has expressed indignation over the reports concerning Miss Roosevelt and her familiarity with snakes.

While discussing the matter on the street in Goshen to-day, belief in the story was expressed by men in the crowd and the doctor promptly offered to wager any amount that the newspaper stories were lies. One banner followed another till the doctor offered \$5,000, and \$1,000 was promptly put against the doctor's certified check for \$5,000.

It was agreed that Miss Roosevelt herself should decide the bet and Dr. Edmonds wrote to her calling attention to the stories and asking a newspaper clipping and asking if it were true. The letter was mailed this afternoon and upon the reply depends the winning or losing of the wager.

Dr. Edmonds is confident that the story is a canard and he will be greatly surprised if he should find that Miss Roosevelt was really wearing a garter snake around her neck.

## MRS. BOTKIN SENTENCED.

### New Trial Refused, and She Goes to State Prison for Life.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 22.—The famous poisoning case of Mrs. Cornelia Botkin came to an end to-day, when Judge Cook of the superior court sentenced her to life imprisonment in the penitentiary at San Quentin for the murder of Mary Elizabeth Dunning of Dover, Del. He did so after rendering a decision on a motion for a new trial, in the course of which he declared that if he had his way the condemned woman would be hanged for her crime. The jury fixed punishment at life imprisonment.

Mrs. Botkin received her sentence without emotion. She had intended to make a statement, but so quickly did Judge Cook pass from asking if there was any legal cause why sentence should not be pronounced to passing the sentence that she did not have an opportunity to speak.

The judge said Mrs. Botkin had been tried twice and each time the jury had convicted her. She had had every protection of the law and had had able counsel. A stay of execution was given for the preparation of a bill of exceptions for appeal to the State Supreme Court, but it is not thought that the court will grant a new trial.

By the end of September Mrs. Botkin will begin serving her sentence for the crime committed six years ago.

## A. BELMONT'S BARN BURNED.

### Seven Buildings Destroyed on His Nursery Farm Near Babylon.

BABYLON, L. I., Aug. 22.—Seven barns on the Nursery farm of August Belmont, two miles north of this place, were destroyed by fire this afternoon. With them were burned 100 tons of hay, 400 bushels of rye, 25 cords of sawed wood and a lot of farming machinery and fittings. The loss is estimated at about \$100,000, which is partly covered by insurance.

The fire started in the large hay barn, which was the centre of the group. It is believed to have been the result of spontaneous combustion due to the close packing of green hay. Seven two-year-old horses intended for carriage use were in the lower part of the building, but were rescued. The remainder of the live stock was in the fire.

The local firemen were called to aid in fighting the flames, but were delayed in reaching the scene by the fact that fifteen minutes before the call came for the blaze at the Belmont farm the firemen had been called to fight a small fire in the new Colonial residence being erected for T. Frank Shortland of Brooklyn.

## COP DOES FLY ON THE WALL ACT.

### Nelson of the Tenderloin Liberates Three Locked-in Tailors.

Policeman Nelson of the Tenderloin, who used to be a sailor and climb around on nothing at all, brought his old-time skill into play last night and rescued three men locked up in the building at 928 Broadway by climbing along the second story window ledges of three buildings until he got to where they were. Then he climbed in and smashed a padlock. They hadn't thought of doing it.

The tailors had been locked in the second floor of 928. Nelson climbed out of the second floor of the Bancroft House, at the corner of Broadway and Third street, and worked his way along to them. He at first invited them to accompany him back, but they said they didn't want to be taken to the police station. The same time Policeman Bernard of the same station was rescuing a man who had been locked in the third floor of the same building at 39 West Ninth street. Bernard didn't climb.

## BOERS AT ELLIS ISLAND.

### Irreconcilables En Route From Bermuda to South Africa.

Eight Boers who have been in Bermuda since the conclusion of the war in South Africa arrived yesterday from the island aboard the Quebec Line steamship Trinidad. They had refused to swear allegiance to the British Government and therefore could not get transportation at the expense of the British Government back to their native land.

They have acquired a good knowledge of English since their detention in Bermuda and have no ill will toward the English people. They were enabled to leave the island by the fact that the manager of the Rev. Dr. Boynton of Freeport, L. I., got up a fund to send them back to South Africa. They will be detained at Ellis Island until the clergyman is ready to ship them to their old homes.

## DIDN'T WAKE THE BABY.

### Even When 6-Year-Old Tumbled From Above Into the Baby Carriage.

Rose Muldoon, 6 years old, tumbled out of the second story of 529 East 184th street last night. Rose fell into a baby carriage, in which was a baby belonging to William Wentworth, who lives on the ground floor. The sleeping baby wasn't awakened, even when Rose bounded onto the sidewalk. But the baby carriage saved Rose, who was only slightly bruised.

## TO DIVIDE PHIPPS FORTUNE?

### MRS. PHIPPS GOES HURRIEDLY TO CHICAGO ON CALL.

Pittsburg Friends Believe That She is to Get \$5,000,000 and Not Contest the Divorce Suit—Chicago Limited Train Stopped in Suburb Specially for Her.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Aug. 22.—Another effort to divide the \$20,000,000 of Lawrence E. Phipps between himself and wife, so that she will not contest the divorce proceedings now under way in Denver, Col., is being made secretly in Chicago to-night. Mrs. Phipps was called to Chicago by the attorneys of her husband to have a final conference in the matter, and it is said by friends of Mrs. Phipps here that the husband has virtually agreed to her terms, \$5,000,000 in cash and the custody of her children for one-half of each year.

Lawrence Phipps several months ago stole his children from his wife, who had them in a New York hotel, and fled with them to Denver, where they are still kept under close watch. He then entered suit for divorce against Mrs. Phipps, and the case, which is to come up on Sept. 12, promises to develop disclosures not agreeable to all concerned.

Mrs. Phipps left Pittsburg for Chicago last night under peculiar circumstances. She succeeded in doing what large offers of money time and again have failed to do—stopped the fast Chicago Limited train on the Pennsylvania Railroad at a wayside station when it did not seem a case of life or death.

Much depended on the young wife getting away from Pittsburg without it being known, and last evening after giving a dinner to some friends in her palatial home on Fifth avenue Mrs. Phipps excused herself and with her maid entered a closed carriage brought by her attorney, James S. Young, and drove at breakneck speed to the Shady Side station, then dark and deserted. The Pennsylvania limited came along and brought up at the dark station on the edge of Pittsburg, and a few loungers saw two women and one man hurry from the carriage into the train, which was off again in an instant. The trio were Mrs. Phipps, her maid and United States District Attorney Young, all bound for Chicago.

Mrs. Phipps and her maid locked themselves in a stateroom while the train stopped in Pittsburg, and no reporter or friend saw them. The news of this late move on the part of Mrs. Phipps caused much comment in Pittsburg to-day when it became known. That the case is about to be settled is believed by most of the society set.

Mrs. Phipps said before leaving that she would return from Chicago the moment the conference was over. She did not know whether her husband would be in Chicago, but she knew his attorneys would be there.

It is reported here that the limited had orders to stop at Englewood, on the outskirts of Chicago, this morning and let Mrs. Phipps off. There is nothing known in Pittsburg to fix the place in Chicago where the alleged settlement is to be made.

## CAR CRUSHED EXPRESS WAGON.

### Slippery Rails Cause Collision—One Man Dying; Three Others Hurt.

A two horse wagon belonging to Rankin's Express Company, a suburban delivery concern, while going westward through Nineteenth street at 9 o'clock last night, was struck by a southbound Sixth avenue surface car. It was crushed against an elevated railway pillar and demolished. The horses ran away and were captured at Seventeenth street.

Henry Sutton of Belleville, N. J., the driver of the wagon, and his helper, William Foote, 18 years old, were thrown under the wheels of the car. Sutton was badly injured and was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital. The doctors there say he cannot recover. Young Foote was attended by an ambulance surgeon and went home.

Thomas A. McKennell, a lawyer, with offices at 52 Broadway and living at 1341 Tremont avenue, the Bronx, together with Ward Van Allen, a wholesale liquor dealer, of 421 Third avenue, were crossing the street at the time of the crash. Both were struck by flying bundles and severely cut and bruised. They went home, however.

Motorman Charles Newell explained to the police that he had attempted to stop his car and avoid the collision, but was unable to do so, as the rails were wet and slippery.

## THEATRICAL TRAIN WRECKED.

### Collision at Westboro, Mass., and Members of Playing Companies Hurt.

WORCESTER, Mass., Aug. 22.—By a wreck of a special theatrical train at Westboro early to-morrow, two locomotives were nearly demolished, two cars were tipped over and thirty-two of the sixty-five passengers were injured slightly.

The train contained members of Charles E. Blaney's "More to Be Pitied Than Scorned" company, and members of Liebler & Co's "Eternal City" company. The train was behind time and Engineer Homer Dodge supposed he had right of way. A freight backed on the main track and before the special train could be stopped the crash came. The engineer was caught under the engine, but not hurt mortally.

In the rear car of the freight were some sheep, and of these sixty were killed. The scenery cars were in the front part of the special train, which fact accounted for the escape of the passengers.

## COALING STATION DAMAGED.

### Bar Harbor Plant Put Out of Business—Inconvenience to the Navy.

BAR HARBOR, Me., Aug. 22.—The United States Navy suffered a severe loss in the general storm which struck the Maine coast on Saturday night in the blowing over of one of the big towers in the coaling station at Lamorne, making the entire station unfit for use.

The loss is especially serious at this time, coming after the building of the station in Portland harbor, leaving the navy at present without a coaling station north of Charlestown, Mass. It will prove inconvenient, as the training squadron of three vessels is on its way here from Bar Harbor, and three of the vessels of the Asiatic squadron were expected to coal here the middle of next month, when they run over to this side of the Atlantic.

It will also prove to be a considerable loss, as it will take at least \$100,000 to put the plant back into working condition.

## SAVED THE INGALLS PARTY.

### Farmer Replaces a Broken Rail in Time to Prevent an Accident.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 22.—M. E. Ingalls, president of the Big Four railroad company, and a party of friends were saved from probably serious injuries yesterday by an Elkhart county farmer. Mr. Ingalls and his friends passed through Goshen on a special train composed of an engine and two coaches. The train had the right of way over the road and was travelling at a high rate of speed.

Alva Blough, a farmer living near the railroad track, was walking along the track and just as he heard the whistle of the train for a crossing he saw that a part of a rail had been broken. He did not have time to run ahead and flag the train so as to stop it, and he hastily placed the broken rail in position and jumped to one side.

Blough thought it possible that the broken rail might remain in position and carry the train across, and in this he was not mistaken. The train passed safely over it, but the rail was displaced as the last wheel went over it and was found forty feet away, down the track.

## FERRYBOAT NEAR THE REEFS.

### Engines of 34th St. Liner Break Down and She Drifts Toward Blackwell's Island.

Two hundred passengers on the ferryboat Hudson City, which left East Thirtieth street for Long Island City yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, got a bad scare when the breaking of the engine's delivery valve left the boat helpless in midstream.

The strong tide seized the boat and headed it toward the dangerous rocks south of Blackwell's Island. Capt. Kehoe immediately signalled to Long Island City for assistance, and the railroad tugs Syosset and Long Island put out to assist the drifting ferryboat.

Before the tugs could make fast to the Hudson City she had floated to a point opposite Fifth street, Manhattan, with the Blackwell's Island reef so perilously near that the passengers had their eyes on life preservers. The Hudson City was then towed to Long Island City, where she was tied up after the passengers had landed. Capt. Kehoe said that the damage would be repaired before this morning.

## TWO COLLEGE GIRLS DROWNED.

### Bates Students Go Down Together While Bathing in Little Sebago Lake.

SEBAGO LAKE, Me., Aug. 22.—Miss Clark Smith and Miss Amy Clark, Bates College students both of Gray, were drowned in Little Sebago Lake to-day. Miss Smith was bathing and was attacked by cramps. Miss Clark went to her rescue.

## \$30,000 KIDNAPPING THREAT.